Setting up of an Employment Mission

†2292. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an employment mission is proposed to be set up during the Tenth Five Year Plan period to resolve the unemployment problem in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the Employment Mission would be set up and the need for this Mission after recommendations of the Second National Labour Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Planning Commission is in the process of finalization of the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, the approach to Tenth Plan focuses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the Tenth Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of Tenth Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities, which have a large employment potential.

Changes in Industrial Disputes Act

2293. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the changes proposed in the Industrial Disputes Act relating to compensation to be paid to the workers in case of retrenchment or closure of an industrial unit; and

(b) by when the changes are likely to be introduced?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.